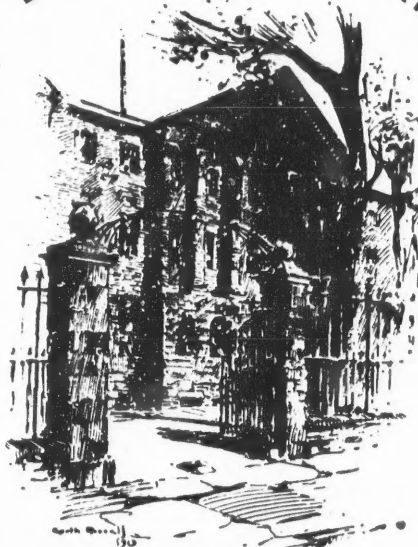


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OF THE

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OF

THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS

Of the Chebucto Division, No. 7, of the Sons of Temperance.

Preamble.

WE, whose names are annexed, desirous of forming a society to shield us from the evils of intemperance, afford mutual assistance in case of sickness, and elevate our characters as men—do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and Bye-Laws.

Constitution.

ART. 1. *Name.* This Association shall be known as the CHEBUCTO DIVISION, No. 7, OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, of the Province of Nova Scotia.

ART. 2. *Pledge.* No brother shall make, buy, sell, or use, as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine, or Cider.

ART. 3. *Officers.* The officers shall consist of a W. P., W. A., R. S., A. R. S., F. S., T., C., A. C., I. S., and O. S., all of whom shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz : last regular meetings in September, December, March and June ; and installed the first regular meetings in October, January, April and July.

ART. 4. *Duties of Officers.* Sect. 1.—It shall be the duty of the W. P. to preside in the Division, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and exact a compliance to the Rules and Usages of the Order ; to see that all officers perform their respective duties ; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for ; give the casting vote on all matters before the Division, when a tie may occur ; inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes ; direct the R. S. to call special meetings, when application shall be made in writing, by five members of the Division ; draw upon the T. for all sums necessary to pay the benefits provided for by the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and other appropriations made by the Division. He shall, on the night he vacates the chair, see that the Quarterly Returns are prepared for the Grand Division, and the per centage appropriated, and forward the same in time for the Quarterly Session, certified by him, with the seal of the Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge shall require of him.

Sect. 2.—It shall be the duty of the W. A. to render the W. P. such assistance as he may require of him, and in the absence of the W. P., the W. A. shall perform his duties.

Sect. 3.—The R. S. shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Division; write communications; notify all Subordinate Divisions not more than ten miles of its place of meeting, within one week after, of the name, occupation and residence of every person suspended, rejected or expelled from this Division. He shall fill up certificates; notify meetings when ordered by the W. P.; attest to all monies ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and none other. He shall make out at the end of his term, for the Division, a full report of the proceedings during his term; and also the quarterly returns to the Grand Division, which shall embrace the number of members initiated, admitted by card, initiated by dispensation, suspended, re-instated, and who have withdrawn, during his term—together with the names and occupations of those suspended, expelled, and rejected, with the dates, and causes of expulsion, the number who violate the Pledge, how many sign over, and how many violate it the second time, the number of deaths, and the whole number of actual contributing members—the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues, with the per centage due the Grand Division—the amount expended for benefits, with the amount on hand—and, with the W. P., certify to the same. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge; and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all books, papers, or other property in his possession belonging to his office.

Sect. 4.—The A. R. S. shall be an aid to the R. S., under whose direction he shall act. He shall render such assistance to the R. S. in the performance of his duties, as he or the Division may require of him.

Sect. 5.—It shall be the duty of the F. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Division and its members; credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the T. immediately, taking his receipt. He shall, just previous to the close of his term, notify every member who is two months or more in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Division, adding 7½d. to each notice. At the end of his term, he shall make out for the Division a full report; and furnish the R. S. with the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues during his term, with any other information connected with his office necessary to enable the R. S. to prepare correct returns for the Grand Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge shall require of him. He shall deliver up to his successor all matters appertaining to his office in his possession.

Sect. 6.—It shall be the duty of the T. to pay all orders drawn on him by the W. P., attested by the R. S., and none others; he shall receive all moneys of the Division, and hold the same until the expiration of his term, unless otherwise ordered by the Division. He shall keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended. He shall give the Division a monthly statement of the funds; and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers, and other property of the Division, to

his successor in office, or to whom the Division may specially appoint. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge.

Sect. 7.—It shall be the duty of the C. to introduce for initiation persons who have been previously elected. He shall also introduce visitors, and furnish them with suitable regalia. He shall, with the aid of the A. C., examine those present at the opening of the Division. He shall see that the officers' regalia are in their proper places at the opening of the Division, and take charge of the same at the close. He shall have charge of such property of the Division as may not be otherwise provided for, and render a full report to the Division at the end of his term.

Sect. 8.—It shall be the duty of the A. C. to render such services as the C. or Division may require of him.

Sect. 9.—It shall be the duty of the I. S. to attend the door—to admit none but members of the Order, and candidates for initiation.

Sect. 10.—The O. S. shall guard the door outside, and keep off intruders.

ART. 5. Eligibility for Membership. Sect. 1.—No person shall be initiated into the Division under eighteen years of age, nor for a less sum than two Joliara, (\$2.)

Sect. 2.—No person shall be admitted into this Division who does not possess a good moral character, or who is in any way incapacitated from earning a livelihood, or who has no visible means of support.

Sect. 3.—The name of a person offered for membership must be proposed by a member in writing, stating age, residence and business, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report in writing at a succeeding meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than *four* black balls appear against him, he shall be declared elected; but if *five* or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. No person so rejected shall be again proposed in any Division of the Order under six months.

Sect. 4.—A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee for investigation, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

Sect. 5.—A vote of rejection may be re-considered within three meetings, exclusive of the meetings at which the vote was taken. But a vote that has resulted in an election, shall not be reconsidered.

Sect. 6.—The name of a candidate or brother constitutionally suspended, rejected, or expelled, shall not be published, in any other manner than the usual notice to the Divisions.

Sect. 7.—Any brother applying for membership by deposit of card, shall be subject to the same ballot as a new applicant.

ART. 6. Contributions and Benefits. Sect. 1.—The regular dues to this Division shall not be less than 4d. per week.

Sec. 2.—Every *bona fide* member, who shall be qualified as required by the Constitution and Bye-laws of this Division, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to, and receive weekly, not less than three dollars; except it be shown that such sickness or disability be brought on by his own improper conduct.

Sec. 3.—No brother residing within five miles of the Division of which he is a member, shall be entitled to benefits for more than one week previous to his case being reported to such Division.—No benefits shall be granted for a less time than one week. All arrears, either for dues or fines, shall in every case be deducted from the first payment.

Sec. 4.—In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, the sum of thirty dollars, (\$30,) shall be appropriated as a funeral benefit. The W. P., in the absence of competent relations or friends, shall take charge of the funeral, and keep an account of the disbursements.

Sec. 5.—On the death of the wife of a brother, also beneficial, he shall be entitled to the sum of fifteen dollars, (\$15,) as a funeral benefit.

ART. 7. Offence. Sect. 1.—Any member who shall offend against these Articles, or the Bye-laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting, may determine.

Sec. 2.—Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member shall be put on trial, unless charges, duly specifying his offence, be submitted in writing by a member of the Division.

Sec. 3.—When charges have been preferred against a brother in a proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers are brought before the Division, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, examine and determine the matter in question; and if their decision does not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and no appeal to be taken from it to the Division, it shall be final, without other action.—Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the Division, for action.

Sec. 4.—When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at one regular meeting previous to action being taken; and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Division, at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question—at which time, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Division may proceed to consider and determine it. Two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; but the Division shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Sec. 5.—When the decision of a committee appointed under Sec. 3 of this Article, otherwise final, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of an

appeal to the Division—and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the Division, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded; and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Division—and the Division shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee by a majority of votes present.

SECT. 6.—Any member having been expelled, shall not be proposed for membership under six months from the date of expulsion.

SECT. 7.—The provisions of this Article shall not extend to violations of Article 2.

ART. 8.—*Terms.* Regularly quarterly terms shall commence on the first of October, January, April and July. Officers elected previous to the expiration of half of the Term, shall be entitled to the full honors of the Term; those elected after half the Term has expired shall not count the honors, except where they may be elected to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation, suspension, expulsion, or death, in which case the brother who serves the residue of the Term shall be entitled to the full honors, and he who resigns, or is suspended, or expelled, shall forfeit his claim.

ART. 9.—*Eligibility for Chief Offices.* SECT. 1.—After a Division has been instituted three terms, no brother shall be eligible to the office of W. P., unless he has served a regular quarterly term as W. A., nor shall any brother be eligible to the office of W. A., unless he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices.

SECT. 2.—No brother shall serve two terms in the same office, during the term of one year, except in the office of R. S., F. S., and T.

SECT. 3.—No brother shall be eligible to office who is under twenty-one years of age.

ART. 10.—*Violating Article II.* SECT. 1.—Any member who knows a brother to have violated Article 2, and neglects to prefer the charge and specify the offence to the Division within three weeks after the violation shall have come to his knowledge, shall be fined one dollar.

SECT. 2.—The charge for violation of Article 2, shall be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, as soon as practicable, summon the parties, and investigate the matter.

SECT. 3.—The committee shall organize by appointing a chairman and secretary. The secretary shall make a correct record of the proceedings, with such testimony as may be presented, which record shall be produced to the Division on the call of any member, after the committee have reported.

SECT. 4.—If the committee agree that the charge is sustained, they shall report the fact to the Division, by resolution, with a second resolution to the effect that the brother be reinstated or expelled, as the case may be—which report and resolutions shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending brother shall be notified of the character of the resolutions, by the R. S., and re-

quested to be present at the time appointed for considering the same, with a view of giving him an opportunity to make a defence.

Sect. 5.—If the committee agree that the charge is not sustained, they shall report a resolution to that effect, and if the resolution be adopted, the charge shall be dismissed.

Sect. 6.—When the committee report the charge sustained, and a majority of the members present at a regular meeting ballot in favor thereof, the offending person shall forfeit his membership, and the W. P. shall direct his name to be erased from the Constitution. If a majority of the Division vote in opposition to the resolution, all further proceedings shall be stayed.

Sect. 7.—If two-thirds of those voting are in favor of reinstating a member who has been found guilty of violating Article 2, he shall be restored to membership by re-signing the Constitution, and paying, for the first offence, one dollar, and for the second offence, two dollars, which shall be paid to the F. S. by the meeting succeeding the vote, or the member to stand suspended until the fine is paid. The power to reinstate, however, shall not extend over the term of one month from the time the offence was proven.

Sect. 8.—When the Division vote in favor of reinstatement, and the member neglects to come forward to sign the Constitution for one month thereafter, he may be declared expelled by a two-third vote.

Sect. 9.—If a Division refuse to reinstate the member, he shall be declared expelled by the W. P., and the R. S. shall give the usual notice.

Sect. 10.—A member convicted for the third time of having violated Article 2, shall lose the privilege of reinstatement, and shall be declared expelled; and the R. S. shall give the usual notice.

Sect. 11.—If a brother come forward and acknowledge that he has violated Article 2, (except it be the third offence,) the Division after the erasure of name &c., may at their option reinstate him on the same evening, if two-thirds of the members voting are in favor thereof.

Sect. 12.—An officer or representative to the Grand Division violating Article 2, shall not be able to fill any official position for twelve months from the time he is reinstated.

Sect. 13.—A member expelled under this Article shall not be eligible for membership under six months thereafter.

ART. 11.—No alteration or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless by a two-third vote of the National Division.

Bye-Laws.

ARTICLE I.—MEETINGS.

Sect. 1.—This Division shall meet on Monday evening of each week, for the transaction of general business, unless for special reasons the Division adjourn to some other evening. The hour of meeting shall be 7½ o'clock from 1st October to 1st April, and at

8½ o'clock during the remainder of the year. The Division shall be opened at precisely the appointed time, and in the absence of the W. P. and the W. A. the senior P. W. F. present shall take the Chair.

Sect. 2.—The business of the Division shall be transacted in the following order : 1st, The Division shall be opened in the manner prescribed in the B. B. 2d, The F. S. shall call the roll, note absentees, and collect the fines. 3d, The R. S. shall read the minutes of proceedings at the last meeting. 4th, Persons previously admitted shall be initiated. 5th, The Report of the Committee of Investigation shall be received. 6th, Persons previously proposed shall be balloted for. 7th, Applicants for Membership shall be proposed. 8th, The Reports of Financial and Special Committees shall be received. 9th, The W. P. shall enquire whether any cases of sickness have occurred in the Division since last meeting. 10th, He shall make the same enquiry respecting violations of the rules. 11th, Miscellaneous business shall be transacted.

Sect. 3.—Fifteen Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sect. 4.—Any brother absenting himself without sufficient excuse, for two or more consecutive nights of meeting, shall be fined 7½d for the second, and each successive night's absence.

ARTICLE II.—FEES AND DUES.

Sect. 1.—The initiation fees of this Division shall vary according to the ages of the parties connecting themselves with the Division, and shall be as follows, that is to say : for all persons from 18 to 21 years of age, ten shillings ; from 21 to 25 years, twelve shillings and six pence ; 25 to 30 years, fifteen shillings ; from 30 to 35 years, seventeen shillings and six pence ; from 35 to 40 years, twenty shillings ; from 40 to 45 years, twenty-two shillings and six pence ; from 45 to 50 years, twenty-seven shillings and six pence, and 1s 3d additional for each year from 50 to 55, and an additional 2s 6d for each and every year from 55 to 60 years, after which age no candidate shall be admitted as a *benefit member*.

Sect. 2.—The sum of One Shilling and Six-pence shall be paid by each Member of the Division to the F. S. on the first Monday of every month ; and till all arrears are paid no brother shall receive the quarterly pass word.

ARTICLE III.—BENEFITS.

Sect. 1.—Every brother who has been a Member for one year, and who is not more than four months in arrears, shall receive from the funds during sickness, Fifteen Shillings, weekly, unless his illness arises from misconduct.

Sect. 2.—Any sick brother residing at a distance, and applying for the weekly benefit shall forward to the R. S. a certificate signed by a Magistrate or respectable Physician.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTY OF OFFICERS.

Sect. 1.—It shall be the duty of the W. P. to appoint a Chaplain for the quarter, to name three brothers, who, with himself, the W. A., R. S., and T., shall constitute a visiting committee ; also,

three brothers who shall constitute a Committee of Finance, and three for a Committee of Investigation on the names proposed for membership.

Sect. 2.—In case of the sickness of a brother, the W. P. shall appoint, in rotation, two members to act Watchers over the sick brother, who shall attend to such duty, or provide a substitute, (unless excused by the Division,) under a penalty of five shillings, provided always, that the disease be not contagious, infectious, or dangerous to others, in which case the committee shall, if necessary, employ a nurse to be paid from the funds of the Division; and it shall be the imperative duty of the W. P. to enforce the penalties of the Constitution and Bye-Laws in every instance, and on every brother who renders himself liable to them, unless he shall be excused by a two-third vote of the Division.

Sect. 3.—The W. P. on the night of his installation, shall appoint three brothers, as a Committee, whose duty it shall be, to audit the accounts of the T. and F. S., as to receipts and expenditures, and report at the next meeting.

Sect. 4.—It shall be the duty of the F. S. to receive the bonds of the Trustees and Treasurer, and hold the same in trust for the Division.

Sect. 5.—The Treasurer, prior to his installation in office, shall give a joint and several bond to the W. P. or his successor in office, in the sum of twenty-five pounds, with two sureties to be approved of by the Division, for the faithful performance of his duties as Treasurer, and he shall at the end of each month, pay over to the Trustees, all sums exceeding twelve pounds ten shillings, taking their receipt, which shall be his voucher for the same.

Sect. 6.—Any Officer who has been absent from the meetings of the Division for three successive evenings, shall be removed from office by a vote of the Society, unless his reason for absence be deemed valid.

Sect. 7.—Every elected officer, who shall absent himself from the Division, at the time of its opening, shall be subject to and pay a fine of seven-pence half-penny, ($7\frac{1}{2}d$.) unless excused by the Division. Should either the R. or F. S. fail to have their books in the Division at the opening of the same, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of seven-pence half-penny, ($7\frac{1}{2}d$). Should the officers, when duly notified, fail to attend any special meeting, when convened by the W. P., they shall be subject to the same fines and penalties as of regular meetings.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Sect. 1.—Every member on being initiated shall sign the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Division, and thereby agree to support the same as long as he remains a member, he shall also make the F. S. acquainted with his place of residence. Any brother who does not, on changing his residence, report the same to the F. S. within three weeks, shall be fined seven-pence half-penny, ($7\frac{1}{2}d$) for each week thereafter.

Sect. 2.—Every member who shall neglect or refuse to pay his dues or fines for the space of eleven months, unless absent at sea,

or in some distant place, shall be notified by the F. S. if practicable, and if after four weeks his accounts still remain unsettled, he shall be suspended or expelled at the pleasure of the Division.

Sect. 3.—Any brother receiving pecuniary benefit from this Division, who may be found imposing thereon by feigning sickness or disability, shall be expelled.

Sect. 4.—Any brother who shall in the Division make use of any improper language, or refuse to obey the commands of the W. P. when called to order, or use disrespectful expressions towards the officers or members of the Division, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five shillings, (5s.)

Sect. 5.—Any brother who shall be guilty of improper conduct in or out of the Division, or shall bring any charge against a brother which he is unable to prove, or shall knowingly propose unworthy characters for membership, shall subject himself to a fine of not less than five shillings, (5s.) unless excused by the Division.

Sect. 6.—If any brother divulge the name of a brother who shall think proper to speak, or vote against a candidate for membership, or if any brother shall make public any business which should be confined to the Division, shall be suspended from all benefits for a period not exceeding three months.

Sect. 7.—When a person has been proposed for membership, the fact that such a proposition has been made, shall not be mentioned by a brother to any person who is not a member of the Order, until a decision shall have been had on the proposition, and not then, unless such decision be favourable.

Sect. 8.—When any brother wishes for a card of clearance, he shall signify it in open meeting, when a balloting shall take place, and if a majority shall vote to give it to him, it shall be the duty of the F. S., after he has paid all dues, to provide such card.

Sect. 9.—It is particularly enjoined that the members of this Division treat all members of the Order with courtesy and respect, that all discussions be conducted in the spirit of candour and moderation, and that all personal allusions or sarcastic language by which a brother may be injured, be carefully avoided, that in Love, Purity, and Fidelity, we may cherish and preserve the most prominent objects of our Order, Temperance and Benevolence.

ARTICLE VI.—COMMITTEES.

Sect. 1.—It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to visit their brothers reported sick, within twenty-four hours after receiving such information, and if they be entitled to benefits, to report the same to the Division, and the Committee shall continue to render them such benefits as the Constitution and Bye-Laws require, under a penalty of five shillings (5s.) for each and every neglect.

Sect. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to examine the Black Book, then carefully ascertain the candidate's age, health, profession, and general character, and make a faithful report.

Sect. 3.—All Committees appointed for special purposes shall

report their doings in writing to the Division, signed by a majority, and no person shall be appointed Chairman of any Committee unless he be present at the time of appointment.

Sect. 4.—Every member of any Committee who shall neglect his duties, shall be fined one shilling and three-pence for each offence, unless a reasonable excuse be given to this Division.

Sect. 5.—If a vacancy occur in any Committee, the same shall be filled at the next meeting of the Division.

ARTICLE VII.—SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

Suspended Members on being reinstated, shall pay the amount standing against them at the time of their suspension, together with the whole sum to which they would have been subject, had they not been suspended, nor shall any suspended member be entitled to receive benefits for one month from the time he is reinstated.

ARTICLE VIII.—FUNERALS.

Sect. 1.—In the event of the death of a brother, unless his relations object, the W. P. shall direct the R. S. to summon the Members of the Division to meet at the Division room, and attend the funeral in a body, each member to wear black crape on the left arm, and a tri-colored ribbon (red, white, and blue) in the button hole on the left breast.

ARTICLE IX.—BALLOTING.

Sect.—In balloting for members, the ballot box shall be placed in full view of the W. P., and shall be examined by the W. P. and W. A.

Sect. 2.—Upon the election of any person as member of this Division, the R. S. shall, as soon as practicable, give written notice thereof to the individual elected, and such election shall stand good for six weeks and no longer, unless the candidate is unavoidably absent from town or disabled by sickness.

ARTICLE X.—TRUSTEES.

Sect. 1.—At the close of his term of office, the Treasurer shall pay over to two Trustees to be elected annually, at the Quarterly Meeting in March, all money then in his hands, which shall be invested by them as the Division may direct, and may at any time be withdrawn from them by a vote passed at a regular meeting by a majority of two thirds of the Members present.

Sect. 2.—Either of said Trustees, for non-performance of his duty, may be removed from office, by a two-third vote of the Division, at any regular meeting, said motion having laid over one week.

ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

No part of these Bye-Laws shall be repealed or amended, unless the proposed alteration be stated in writing to the Division at least two weeks previous to discussion, and it shall not be adopted unless two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the change. In order, however, to meet a peculiar case, any bye-law may be suspended by a unanimous vote.

Rules of Order.

THE CHAIR.

The W. P. shall state every question coming before the Division, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Division ready for the question?"

Should no brother rise to speak, the W. P. shall proceed to state the question, and after he has risen, no brother shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall announce the decision of the Division on all subjects. Should his decision be appealed from, the question shall be put thus, "Will the Division sustain the Chair in its decision?"

DEBATE.

Every brother, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall be standing, and shall respectfully address the chair, and when he has finished, he shall resume his seat. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as any reflections on the officers or brothers of the Division.

No question shall be open for debate unless seconded, and all desultory or irrelevant remarks be precluded. No brother shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the W. P., and then only by way of explanation; nor shall any brother be interrupted while speaking, unless in the opinion of the W. P. his remarks are foreign to the subject under debate.

If any brother, while speaking, should be called to order by the W. P., he shall cease speaking, and take his seat, until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

Any brother feeling dissatisfied with the decision of the W. P., can appeal to the brothers of the Division.

Should two or more brothers rise to speak at the same time, the W. P. shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, and signed by the brother offering the same, when required by the presiding officer. No motion shall be admitted while a question is under debate, unless it be to lay on the table, the previous question, to postpone, to refer, to amend, or adjourn; and these shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, the first two of which shall be decided without debate.

No brother shall be permitted to speak or vote on any question before the Division, unless clothed in the regalia of the Order.

After any question has been decided, any two brothers who voted in the majority, may, at the same meeting, move a re-consideration thereof.

All questions of order shall be decided by the W. P., but in the case of an appeal from his decision, such an appeal shall be decided by the meeting without debate.